

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 2, 2006 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker

Council Members absent:

Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Lawrence Brown, Assistant County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilwoman McKenzie led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 18, 2006 Worksession
 2. April 18, 2006 Regular Meeting
- a. Councilman Smith made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Councilman Bunker seconded.
 - b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
 1. Under Public Hearing Item 1 and Consent Item 4 – fill in the dollar amount for the General Obligation Bond to read \$11,600,000.

2. Amend Consent Item 5 – add the sentence “The Sheriff may utilize this penalty for preventable vehicle accidents or his own internal policy, whichever he deems most appropriate.”
 3. Delete Consent Item 9.
 4. Add a new Consent Item 9 – Proposed Ordinance to Delete Section 2-439 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances.
 5. Add Consent Item 10 – Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter IV, Animal Control, of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Require the Microchipping of Animals Adopted from the Aiken County Animal Shelter, to Authorize the Microchipping of Animals for County Citizens, to Increase the Fees for Adoption of Animals, and to Implement a Fee for the Microchipping of Citizen Animals.
 6. Add Consent Item 11 – Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development District Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcels 068-00-02-001, 087-00-01-004, and Portion of 086-00-19-001 Located Off Robert M. Bell Parkway (SC-118) in Council District 6 from RUD to PUD.
- b. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded the motion.
- c. Councilman Bunker stated that prior to second reading, Consent Item 7 “Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add the Prohibition Against Playing Golf in Any of the County Parks” would need to be amended to accommodate playing golf should the County ever acquire a golf course or build a golf course.

Councilman Bunker added that he would be voting in favor of Consent Item 11 for first reading but that he was going to review the issue thoroughly before its next reading.

- c. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. To Recognize the County Coroner’s Office for County Government Week.
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie presented the Honorable Tim Carlton, Aiken County Coroner, with an appreciation plaque.

(G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of \$11,600,000 General Obligation Bonds of 2006 of Aiken County, South Carolina, to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment Thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(AS AMENDED)
 - a. Mr. Jet Beckam asked what the funds would be used for.
 - b. Mr. Killian stated that the funds would be used on three projects, the USC-A Convocation Center (\$7,000,000), an additional water line for Sage Mill Industrial Park (\$2,000,000), and the completion of road paving from the original Local Option Sales Tax (\$2,600,000).

- c. Councilman Singer pointed out that Council was reducing the original bond by \$3,400,000.
- 2. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Enact Penalties for Preventable Employee Vehicle Accidents.
 - a. Councilman Singer commended staff for their efforts in protecting the health of County employees.
- 3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease with Parallax Inc for Office Space at the Cooperative Research Center.
 - a. No comments were made.

(H) OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 13.2 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Clarify When a Permit is Required for Cremation of a Body.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Smith made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(I) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Barton, Bunker)
- 2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non-Profit Agencies from the FY 2006 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
- 3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease with Parallax Inc for Office Space at the Cooperative Research Center.
(Administrative Committee)
- 4. Proposed Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of \$11,600,000 General Obligation Bonds of 2006 of Aiken County, South Carolina, to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment Thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(County Council) (Second Reading)
(AS AMENDED)
- 5. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Enact Penalties for Preventable Employee Vehicle Accidents.
(Administrative Committee) (Second Reading)
(AS AMENDED)

6. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development District Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcel 089-08-19-002 Located at 845 Huntsman Drive (C-2162), Aiken, SC in Council District 6 from RC to OR.
(Barton) (Second Reading)

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

7. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add the Prohibition Against Playing Golf in Any of the County Parks.
(Development Committee)
8. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Restrict the Use of Any Tobacco Product at All County Parks.
(Development Committee)
9. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Aiken County Ordinance No. 97-10-45, Providing for the Receipt, Appropriation, and Expenditure of Funds to be Received from the Fee-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement Entered into by and Between Bridgestone-Firestone South Carolina, Incorporated and Aiken County.
(County Council)
(DELETED)
9. Proposed Ordinance to Delete Section 2-439 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances.
(FIRST READING) (ADDITION)
10. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter IV, Animal Control, of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Require the Microchipping of Animals Adopted from the Aiken County Animal Shelter, to Authorize the Microchipping of Animals for County Citizens, to Increase the Fees for Adoption of Animals, and to Implement a Fee for the Microchipping of Citizen Animals.
(FIRST READING) (ADDITION)
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(FIRST READING) (ADDITION)
 - a. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bunker seconded.

Councilman Butler commented that he wanted to make certain that the rezoning under Consent Item 11 would not be inconsistent with the new Land Management Ordinance and the long term plans for the County.
 - b. The Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote.

(J) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2006 Aiken County Contingency Report as of April 19, 2006.

(K) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

- b. Mr. W. W. Ray asked to address Council.
- c. Councilman Bunker made a motion to reconsider the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- d. The motion to reconsider passed by unanimous vote.
- e. Mr. Ray discussed the need for more ambulance coverage and better pay for EMTS and Paramedics throughout the County.
- f. Several Councilmembers commented on the issue stating that the health, safety and welfare of Aiken County citizens were their main priority. They added that pay increases had been given as an incentive to keep and attract personnel.
- g. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Singer seconded.
- h. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(L) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
- 2. Contractual Matters:
- 3. Personnel Matters:

(M) ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman